

Yes! I want to be a Member-Owner

Join by mailing this form and a check payable to the
Dorchester Community Food Co-op
PO Box 240231, Dorchester, MA 02124

Member-Owner full pay
Enclosed is my full equity share payment of \$100

Member-owner installment plan
Enclosed is my first payment of \$ _____
(Additional payments due by the end of twelve months from joining.
Let us know your schedule and we will remind you.)

Yes!
I want to support the Co-op by donating to the Co-op
Vision Fund. Enclosed is \$100 for my equity share,
and an additional gift of \$100 \$200

other _____

Member Owner #1 _____

Email _____

Mailing Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Neighborhood in Dorchester _____

Phone _____

Additional Adult Household Members

#2 _____

email _____

#3 _____

email: _____

I want to learn more about how I can help

- Yes! I want to volunteer**
- Tell me how I can invest in the Co-op.

How did you first hear about the Co-op?

why we are
joining the co-op:



“I am joining the Co-op
because I want to be able
to purchase fresh afford-
able food year round in
my community.”

Elnora Thompson
Codman Square

“We joined the Co-op because
it means a stronger, healthier
community in which we can
raise our new child.”

Samantha Tan & Gibran Rivera
Fields Corner



“I’m joining the Co-op (so)
I can buy fresh and healthy
products at affordable prices
and tell my community about
it so they can enjoy it also!”

José Barros
Uphams Corner

“Dorchester is a great place
to live, work and play, and
the Co-op will be a space
for neighbors to interact,
share ideas and buy fresh
food to keep healthy.”

Gigi Eacmen
Savin Hill



BUILDING A
HEALTHY, SUSTAINABLE &
ECONOMICALLY VIABLE COMMUNITY

**TOGETHER
WE CAN MAKE IT
HAPPEN!**

**DORCHESTER
COMMUNITY FOOD CO-OP**

A COMMUNITY & WORKER-OWNED
MARKET

IN DORCHESTER

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THE DORCHESTER COMMUNITY FOOD CO-OP WILL BE:

- o A community- and worker-owned retail store that specializes in affordable fresh organic and conventional produce, a large bulk food section, and green household products.
- o A dynamic center for healthy eating and sustainable living that reflects the unique strengths and cultures of Dorchester
- o A space for education and cultural activities, sharing the knowledge that resides in our community.
- o A business that provides quality job opportunities for community residents
- o A food hub, working with corner stores, farmers' markets, and neighborhood health centers to provide greater local access to affordable healthy food
- o A model of beautiful green design and socially responsible business practices

HOW WILL THE COMMUNITY BENEFIT?

- o The Co-op will create local jobs and keep money in the Dorchester economy.
- o The Co-op will create access to affordable healthy food for community members.
- o The Co-op will support and participate in our local food system

HOW WILL I BENEFIT?

You will not need to be a member to shop at the Co-op. The store will be open to the public. However, member-ownership does have many benefits:

- o You will be a part of making this vision a reality in Dorchester
- o You can be a member-owner of a cooperative business and participate in decision making and profit sharing
- o You can shop and spend your money at a business that reflects your values
- o You will have access to member specials once the store opens, such as bulk ordering and member discount days.
- o Before the store opens, members who have paid half their equity share will start to have access to member benefits in Dorchester.
- o Members who are SNAP participants will be eligible for an additional discount program

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

- o Join now--the Co-op needs you!
- o Join a working committee
- o Be part of spreading the word in your part of Dorchester
- o Come to meetings to help shape the vision
- o Sign up on the membership form and a volunteer will get in touch with you, or call or email directly

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Where will the Co-op be located?

The Co-op is planning to occupy space in a commercial district in Dorchester.

Why should I join now?

The Co-op needs **YOU!** To get the funding to build the store, the Co-op needs to demonstrate the commitment of the community.

How do I join the Co-op?

Membership in the Dorchester Community Food Co-op is a one-time investment (not an annual fee!) of \$100 per household. This fee can be paid in small installments over time.

What if I buy a membership now and the Co-op doesn't open?

If the Co-op does not open and the organization is dissolved, any remaining member contributions would be returned.

How will all the money be raised?

The Co-op will be financed through membership equity shares, member loans, donations, grants, and loans from banks and co-op loan funds.

When will the store open?

It is anticipated that the store will open close to the end of 2018.